

FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND
REFORM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the amendment offered by my friend from Michigan and of this fiscally responsible FAA bill.

I was proud to help include language in the bill requiring the establishment of at least four test sites to promote the safe integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace.

Remotely piloted aircraft are an exciting next chapter in aviation. It is time to expand this technology domestically, and this bill directs the FAA to establish four test sites with the appropriate climate, geography, and access to necessary research radars.

Remotely piloted aircraft are not new to American airspace, and they are certainly not new to the area around my district in Central New York.

The topography of Central New York is as varied as the seasons. A diverse climate and varied topography are essential for testing and will inform preparations for the safe integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace.

Mr. Chair, remotely piloted aircraft are not limited to military uses. They can assist in search and rescue operations, environmental research, forest and fire management, domestic law enforcement activities and perhaps most importantly, monitoring our borders for illegal activities.

I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of the Candice Miller Amendment and the underlying bill.

IN HONOR OF BILL SAMUELS' ACCOMPLISHED CAREER IN KENTUCKY

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a very important man in one of Kentucky's signature industries. Bill Samuels is stepping down as president of Maker's Mark after an outstanding 44-year tenure with the company, a career which saw him introduce Maker's Mark to the world and re-invent the way that bourbon was seen around the world.

A 7th generation bourbon maker, Bill Samuels is well versed in the tradition of making bourbon. Although his father, Bill Samuels Sr., was the inventor of the Maker's Mark recipe,

bourbon wasn't always in the blood of the younger Bill. In fact, after growing up in Bardstown, Kentucky he set off to college and became, of all things, a rocket scientist. When the solid propellants he worked on became outdated, he earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University. After law school, Bill returned to work for his father, all the while not intending to permanently join the family business. Little did he know that he would be largely responsible for taking Maker's Mark from a local institution to a brand recognized and enjoyed worldwide.

When Bill started working at Maker's Mark, it was still a local company. They didn't have an advertizing agency create a fancy marketing campaign, so Bill put his superb sense of humor to work and started making his own ads. He paired his now-famous one-liners with his family product, and created a worldwide phenomenon. In a business which to that point was nothing but serious, Bill Samuels' ability to make people laugh and catch their attention changed the game. Today, few brands' advertisements are more recognizable than the Maker's Mark bottle with the wax on top. Despite Maker's Mark's status as a worldwide brand, Bill made sure that he stuck to his family's methods, carefully supervising each batch to give the whole world a taste of small-town Kentucky.

Bill Samuels' legacy at Maker's Mark is unforgettable. Not only did he introduce the country and the world to one of the signature products of the Commonwealth, he also saw his family's distillery become the first one in the United States to be named a National Historic Landmark. While his company is now known worldwide, Bill has stayed true to his Kentucky roots. He is still a pillar in his community, serving on a number of boards and as a guest lecturer at several universities.

Bill Samuels leaves big shoes to fill at Maker's Mark, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors. I congratulate him on his success at Maker's Mark and all that he has done for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
THOMAS H. GREER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Thomas H. Greer, a loving husband and friend, and the vice president of the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper.

Mr. Greer became editor of the Plain Dealer in 1990, becoming only one of three African-American journalists to hold such a position at a major daily newspaper at that time.

Known to colleagues as Thom, he served as a role model for young and aspiring journalists. His work ethic was, as he told the newspaper in 1992, to "keep your mouth shut, hold your head up high and work like hell to make yourself and those around you as good as they can be."

Mr. Greer was born in Nashville, Tennessee, but moved to New Jersey during his childhood. He majored in history at Dillard University in New Orleans, and later attended Rider College and Rutgers University.

In 1964, Mr. Greer was hired by the Evening Times in Trenton, NJ, as a sports

journalist. He moved to the Plain Dealer in 1974, where he served on the suburban news unit. His stories investigating shakedowns of late-night liquor stores and thefts of confiscated liquor by Cuyahoga County Sheriff officers, led to their arrests.

Mr. Greer left the Plain Dealer for larger papers in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, but returned in 1983 as editor of the sports department. He expanded their news coverage from exclusively local sports to national and international stories.

Mr. Greer worked as managing editor, executive editor and eventually editor, as he oversaw the expansion of the paper, the creation of new bureaus in other counties, and expanded coverage of upcoming issues. In 1992, he became vice president and oversaw community outreach, volunteerism, affirmative action employment and the Plain Dealer Charities, as well as the Plain Dealer High School Newspaper Workshop.

In addition to his many roles with the Plain Dealer, he served as a trustee of the Greater Cleveland Roundtable, WVIZ-TV, the City Club, and the National Junior Tennis Association. He was honored by Kaleidoscope Magazine and inducted into the Region VI Hall of Fame of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Thomas H. Greer, whose legacy of professionalism, positive work ethic, and commitment to justice will forever serve as an example. I extend my sincere condolences to Mr. Greer's wife Maxine and to his family, friends and colleagues that knew him best.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—LUKE EMIGH

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the third district of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the third district's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond